THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) Many companies failed to provide the details to work out the amounts recoverable under para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979. Some of the companies have also disputed the recoverable amounts. Therefore it is proposed to refer all these matters to high powered committee.

Moving to rural areas by Indian and foreign large Industrial Houses

3026. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:
SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa has suggested to make it obligatory for large Industrial Houses, both Indian and foreign, to move to rural areas as reported in the Financial Express dated the 29th January, 1989 and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government will lay down similar guidelines for all sectors of industry; and if so, what are the details of action proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) There has been no specific reference from the Government of Orissa on this subject.

(b) It is the policy of the Government to promote industrialisation of the backward areas of the country, delicensing for MRTP/FERA companies has been made available for locations in backward areas. Even in respect of non-MRTP/non-FERA companies, delicensing facility is available only if the location policy stated in Notification of 30th June, 1988 is adhered to.

The Government has introduced a scheme to establish 100 Growth Centres which would be endowed with infrastructural facilities of a high order. These Centres are expected to give a strong impetus to industrialisation of the backward areas. Fiscal and financial incentives have also been provided by Government for location of industrial units in backward areas.

Offer of Assistance by British Oil Industry to India

3027. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Minister of State for Energy, Mr. Peter Morrison, has offered assistance of the British Oil Industry for India's petroleum development sector;

(b) if so, what are the specific proposals made by him during the talks in this connection;

(c) whether any agreement was also arrived at; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) A British Delegation headed by Mr. Peter Morrison, the British Minister of State for Energy and representatives of major British companies serving the oil and gas industries visited India in January, 1989. On this occasion the British Energy Industries Council and the Indian Confederation of Engineering Industry sponsored two seminars on oil, gas and petrochemicals. Talks were held between the Indian and British Industries and British Minister also called on the Minister of Industry and Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas. The visit of the British Delegation provided an opportunity for exchange of ideas in the field of oil, gas and petrochemicals. No agreement was signed with the visiting delegation.

(d) Does not arise.